

REMARKS

Claims 15-25 currently are pending.

Applicants herein also submit a Request for Continued Examination with a suspension of action for 3 months.

The Examiner rejected claim 19 under 35 USC § 112, ¶2 as being indefinite because claim 19 recites the limitation "polymeric peptides" in line 2 and there is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Applicants disagree. Applicants do not recite "the polymeric peptides" or "said polymeric peptides." Applicants believe the recitation of "polymeric peptides" is not inappropriate.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

Claim 15-25 remain rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over List et al.

Applicants point out that the batchwise operation disclosed by List et al. has to be followed by filtration to separate any coarse particles. This shows that the teaching in List et al. would not lead to fine particles with uniform size without further steps.

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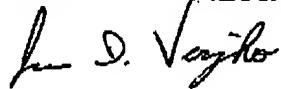
In view of the present remarks, applicants consider that the rejections of record have been obviated and respectfully solicit passage of the application to issue.

Applicants herein request a one month extension of time. A credit card form is attached to cover the one month extension fee of \$120.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including Extension of Time fees to Deposit Account No. 14-1437. Please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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